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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/267,199  
Filed: March 12, 1999  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules  
Associated with the Tocopherol Pathway  
Applicants: Barkur G. BHAT *et al.*  
Atty. Docket: 16517.233

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Amendment and Response to Office Action; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16517.233. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Holly L. Prutz".

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**Amendment and Response to Office Action**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2003 (Paper Number 25)  
("Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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